

**T**ell ye must be diligent to knowe your masters plea-  
sure and to knowe the order & custome of his house.  
For divers maisters are of sundry conditions & appe-  
tites. And if thou be admitted in any office as buttry or  
buttery in some places they are all one. Elsewhere a man  
may see of all such thinges as ye take charge of the which is  
spent. For it pleaseth a maister to have a tyme refreshing;  
the in your office of þ panter to þ your bread be clipped &  
squared & note how much ye spend in one day. Also let your  
nappe cleane & sort every thyg by it self; the cleane fro þ foul  
& hepe your house of office cleane & all that belongeth to it.  
When your maister in the go to his meate take a towel about  
your neck; the take a cupbord cloth, a basing an dower, &  
a towel to aray your cupbord; then couer your table, & set  
on salt, brede & trenchours. The salt before þ brede & tren-  
chours before the salt, & set your mapkins & spoons on the  
cupbord edy. & lay every kin a trenchour and mapkin in a  
spoon; & if ye have no messes then use at þ your maisters re-  
ble consider what degre þ persons are of, & the reuerence þ  
may serue the, & the set do wix every thyg at that messe as  
before, except your barning knives. If there be many ge-  
ntlemen or yonge the set on bread, salt, trenchours, spoons; af-  
ter they be set, & els after þ raffe of the house. Also to be  
ble to set before every mā a lufe of bread & a lufe of clippis some-  
tyme the contrary, thus must you haue respect to the rank of  
your house; & in some places it is ble to set bakis & a lufe of  
chod. In some places the herury dooth ble to set weyn & be-  
downt and goeth before the course, whiche are to be done  
and in some place, he beareth the fiske & othe; and in a bette  
the planter to his spayles, and setteth it do wix covered  
before the degre of a knight; & the not to be a lufe of the  
course & set them by. Also the buttry hath an authority to  
come to all a thur maisters meate speciall, also on a bette  
that sit to mynistring the which he ble, also ye have doothers in  
a rebines to quod the maisters that they do lufe on the re-

trenchours. Then with your trenchour kniffe take of such  
fragments and put them in your boyder, and set the dish  
again. And whether youre soueraign haue trenchours of  
bread boyd the bre or ruse, specially whe they are wet, or  
geue him clean, and as ye se men leaue eating of the first  
and second dishes auoyd them from the table. And then if  
that so be ye haue any moze courses then one or two: ye  
may make the moze hast in boyding, and ener let one dish  
or two stand till the next course, and then take bp all and  
set downe freshe and cleane boyders withall, and let the  
not be to ful or ye empty them, and then set cleane againe  
and looke what sauce is ordeined for anye meat boyde a  
way the sauce therof when ye take away the meate. And  
at the degree of a knight ye may set down your cup, coue  
red, and life of the couer and set it on again, and when he  
listeth to drinke and taketh of the couer: take the couer in  
thy hand and set it on again, and when he hath dronken  
looke the cup of wine or ale be not empty, but often rene  
ed. Also the harner shall breake his dish befoze his master  
or at side Cupbord with cleane knives, and se there be no  
lack of bread nor ale, and when men haue wel eaten, and  
do beginne to waite wery of eating, or if ye perceyue by  
countenance of youre mayster when ye shall take bp the  
meat and boyde the table: begin at the lowest meate, take  
away your spones if there be any, howbeit ye may auoyd  
them, after brothes and bake meates are past. Then take  
away your holders and then your dishes of meate as they  
were set down so take the bp in order and then set down  
chese or fruites and that ended auoyd your chese & fruites  
and couer your cup, Ale or Wine, first auoyd the Ale, & the  
the Wine, then set on a broad boyder and put therein the  
small peces of bread and small cromes, th trenchours and  
napkins, and with your trenchour kniffe or napkin make  
cleane the table, then set away your bread whole and al  
so your boyder, and then take bp the salt and make obey  
saunce,

saunce, mark if your maister be to washe at the table, or standing, if he be at the table cast a cleane towel vpon your table cloth & set down youre basin and ewer befoze youre soueraigne, and take the ewer in your hand and geue the water, then auoyd your basin and ewer and folde þ bozde cloth together with your towell therein, and so take them of the bozde. And when your soueraigne shall washe: set youre towel on the left hand of him, and the water befoze you at supper or dinner, if it be to bedward set bp your basin & your towel on the cupbozde againe. And if your maister wil haue any conceits after diner, as Apples, Nuts or creame, then lay forth a towel on the bozde, and set thereto a lose or two, se that ye haue trenchours and spoones in a redynes if nede require, and then serue forth your maister well, and so take it bp againe with a boyder.

¶ The ordering of your Masters chamber  
at night to bedward.

**A** Bay your cupbozde with a cupbozde cloth with your basin and ewer, candle light and towel, if ye haue help set one to beare a Torch, or some other light befoze & another selow to beare a Towel for youre table to bread as thou seest nede. And if you haue banket dishes whatsoeuer it be, as frutes put in sondry dishes and all other confections & conceits of spicery, also whē the dishes are empty auoid the fro the table, if youre soueraigne be a Knight or Squier: set down your dishes couered and your cup also. And if your soueraigne be not set at the table let youre dishes stand couered til he be set, and when he is set then take away the boyders. And when your maister enedeth to bedward se that ye haue fire & candle sufficient, & se ye haue cleane water in at night and in the morning, and if your maister ly in frolhe sheetes dry of the dampnes by the fire. And if he lie in a straunge place, se his sheetes be  
A.iii. cleane.

cleane & sweet, and then towne down his bed, and warme  
his night herchief, and se his house of office be cleane, and  
help of his clothing and drato the curtaynes, & make sure  
the fire a cable, & auoyd the dogs & shut all the doores. And  
in the euening or in the mornig your master being alone  
if ye haue any thinge to say to him, then is good taryer &  
tyme to know his pleasure. In the morning if it be colde  
make a fire & haue in cleane water, & bring him his Peti-  
cote warme with his Doublet and all his Apparell cleane  
brushed, & his shoes made cleane, & help to aray him, truss  
his points, strike vp his hosen cleane, and se all thing cleane  
& clenly about him, giue him good attendaunce, & in espe-  
ciall among straungers, for attendaunce doth please mas-  
ters very wel. Thus doynge with diligence God wil pre-  
fer you to honour and good fortune.

¶ Here foloweth the booke of Puritur and of  
god maners, for Pan and Ctille.

**A** ye that would lerne, and then would be called wise  
Obedience lerne in youth, in age it wil auoyd vice  
I am blind in Poets art, therof I can no skill,  
In eloquence I put a part, and folow mine own wil,  
Corrupt in speech my breues and longs to know:  
Borne and bred in Deuonshire, my termes wil wel shoto  
Take a best and leaue the word, of truth I meane none if  
If the mater be not curious, thint it is good mark it well  
Parson I ask if I offand, thus boldly for to write  
To master or seruant (young & olde) I do my self submit.  
I would reforme both youth and age, if any thing be amys  
To you wil I shew my minde, reforme ye where nede is  
All that haue yong people, good maners let them to learn  
Go theris ellys in getle condicions, let do not say no harm  
If they do ill, wile men may report their Parents lone  
How hold they teach other good, belike the selues can none  
A good father maketh good Childre, if wil do be the win  
Such

